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SUBJ: UNEMPLOYMENT CONTINUES TO RISE

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1. REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED INCREASED IN THE TWO WEEKS UP TO JULY 16 BY 222, REACHING 6527. DURING THE SAME PERIOD PEOPLE ON RELIEF WORK SCHEMES INCREASED BY 307 TO 6753. A TOTAL OF 4467 PEOPLE WERE BEING PAID UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS ON JULY 16. RECORDED VACANCIES DECREASED BY 116 TO 1538 DURING THE JULY 2 - JULY 16 PERIOD.

2. AREAS SHOWING LARGEST INCREASES IN UNEMPLOYMENT WERE INVERCARGILL (AT THE SOUTHERN TIP OF NZ), HASTINGS (IN THE MAIN FRUIT GROWING AREA OF NORTH ISLAND), NEW PLYMOUTH (WHERE WORK ON THE MAUI GAS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT HAS BEEN SUSPENDED FOR THE WINTER) AND CHRISTCHURCH (MAIN INDUSTRIAL AND SHIPPING CITY OF SOUTH ISLAND).

3. COMMENT: UNEMPLOYMENT HAS CONTINUED ITS
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RISE NOW SINCE MAY. THOUGH THIS IS A MATTER OF CONCERN

TO THE GOVERNMENT WHICH IS MONITORING THE EMPLOYMENT
STATISTICS VERY CLOSELY, THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION IS
STILL CONSIDERABLY BETTER THAN SOME PREDICTIONS EVEN
AS RECENT AS JUNE INDICATED.
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